

Please amend the Application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) The molding composition according to Claim 17, wherein said alkaline earth metal sulfate and said oxide in each case has an average particle size of up to 200 nm.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Previously Presented) The molding composition according to Claim 17, wherein the quantity of the flame retardant is from 0.001 to 5.0 wt.% in relation to the total weight of the molding composition.

7-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a molding composition according to Claim 17, wherein said flame retardant, alkaline earth metal sulfate, oxide, and an optional fluorinated hydrocarbon are mixed with the amorphous thermoplastic polymer.

10. (Previously Presented) A molded body comprising the thermoplastic molding composition of Claim 17.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) A process for the production of a molded body according to Claim 10, wherein the molding composition is processed by extrusion or injection molding to form molded bodies.

13-16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic molding composition comprising:

- (a) an amorphous thermoplastic polymer;
- (b) at least one flame retardant represented by the general formula (I),



(I)

in which

- R is a straight-chain or branched aliphatic radical having 1 to 30 carbon atoms or an aromatic radical having 6 to 30 carbon atoms,
- M is any cation, and
- n is a number corresponding to the valence of M; and

- (c) at least one member selected from the group consisting of,
 - (i) an alkaline earth metal sulfate having an average particle size of up to 400 nm, and being selected from at least one member of the group consisting of MgSO₄, SrSO₄ and BaSO₄, and
 - (ii) an oxide having an average particle size of up to 400 nm, and being selected from at least one member of the group consisting of GeO₂, PbO, PbO₂, CeO₂, Ce₂O₃, SnO, SnO₂, ZrO₂, HfO₂, Sc₂O₃ and La₂O₃.

18. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 17, wherein the flame retardant is at least partially halogenated.

19. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 17, wherein the flame retardant is at least partially fluorinated.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Previously Presented) The molding composition of Claim 17, wherein the alkaline earth metal sulfate is barium sulfate.

22. (Previously Presented) The molding composition of Claim 17, wherein the alkaline earth metal sulfate and the oxide each independently have an average particle size of approximately 5 to 40 nm.

23. (Previously Presented) The molding composition of Claim 17, wherein at least one of the alkaline earth metal sulfate and the oxide are present in a quantity of from 0.001 to 2.0 wt.% in relation to the total weight of the composition.

24. (Previously Presented) The molding composition of Claim 17, wherein the quantity of the flame retardant is from 0.05 to 0.5 wt.%, in relation to the total weight of the composition.

25. (Previously Presented) The molding composition of Claim 17, further comprising polytetrafluoroethylene.

26. (Previously Presented) The molding composition of Claim 25, wherein the quantity of the polytetrafluoroethylene is from 0.001 to 0.5 wt.% in relation to the total weight of the composition.

27. (Previously Presented) A molded article comprising the composition of Claim 17.